

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon along-with the details of long distance trains proposed to be extended?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) There have been some demands in this regard.

(b) Extension of trains including of Howrah-Ahmedabad Express, Madras-Ahmedabad Express etc. upto Gandhidham has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

[Translation]

Waiting List for Telephones in Maharashtra

1390. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications registered in the waiting list for telephone connections in Maharashtra upto 30th June 1997, district-wise;

(b) the number of telephone connections allotted so far;

(c) whether the Government have evolved any scheme for speedy allotment of telephone connections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) The information is given in the attached Statement.

(c) and (d) There is a plan to provide 225000 telephone connections in Maharashtra Telecom Circle and 226000 telephone connections in MTNL Mumbai during 1997-98.

Statement

For Maharashtra Telecom Circle

S. No.	Name of Telecom district	Waiting List as on 30.6.97	Status of Telephone connections as on 30.6.97
1	2	3	4
1.	Raigad	4348	38325
2.	Jalgaon	10876	37586
3.	Nasik	21271	79443
4.	Dhule	11846	18842
5.	Kolhapur	8218	74942
6.	Solapur	7703	44224
7.	Satara	8193	36257
8.	Sangli	11794	44419

1	2	3	4
9.	Ratnagiri	6790	17640
10.	Sindhudurg	2522	9048
11.	Ahmednagar	14743	47451
12.	Aurangabad	8008	41156
13.	Jalna	1173	8864
14.	Latur	2625	18831
15.	Osmanabad	2220	7465
16.	Nanded	3587	20476
17.	Parbhani	1754	13584
18.	Beed	2599	12083
19.	Pune	56349	255783
20.	Goa	13988	79445
21.	Nagpur	9875	101388
22.	Kalyan	60720	131231
23.	Akola	3030	25439
24.	Amravati	3324	30918
25.	Bhandara	2473	15199
26.	Buldana	2604	14301
27.	Chandrapur	3994	15916
28.	Gadchiroli	537	2589
29.	Wardha	2373	13054
30.	Yeotmal	3182	11877
Total		292719	1267576
For MTNL Mumbai		30792	1661106

[English]

Gauge conversion in Tamil Nadu

1391. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total length of rail track still to be converted into broad gauge in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the time by which the complete conversion is likely to take place;

(c) the details of sections likely to be completed by December' 1997;

(d) whether any additional grants are being considered to spend up the projects; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The total length of rail track to be converted into Broad Gauge in Tamil Nadu is 2612 Kms.